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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S VISIT TO THE U.S.

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT PRESIDENT
RATSIRAKA AND A PARTY OF 40 OR MORE WILL ATTEND UN 40TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. GROUP, INCLUDING [REDACTED]
PLANS TO DEPART SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, ARRIVING IN
NEW YORK OCTOBER 20.

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2. PROGRAM IS NOT FINALIZED, BUT WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA WILL ADDRESS UNGA, MEET AMBASSADOR WALTERS IN NEW YORK AND VICE PRESIDENT BUSH IN WASHINGTON. HE WILL ALSO ATTEND PRESIDENT REAGAN'S RECEPTION ON THE 23RD AND POSSIBLY A RECEPTION HOSED BY AMOCO AND OCCIDENTAL OIL COMPANIES. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN INVIED TO MRS. REAGAN'S FUNCTION ON DRUG ABUSE FOR WIVES OF HEADS OF STATE.

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3. POST REALIZES THIS IS NOT A STATE VISIT AND BEGS YOUR INDULGENCE DUE TO LATENESS OF RATSIRAKA'S DECISION TO GO, BUT WE WOULD LIKE AS MUCH COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S PROGRAM EVENTS AS POSSIBLE. WE CAN ENVISAGE THE FOLLOWING: A SHORT FILM CLIP UNDERTAKEN BY THE TELEVISION UNIT OF SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON; P/PEV TO TAKE AND/OR OBTAIN PHOTOS OF MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND ADDRESS BEFORE UNGA; WF AND VOA STORIES AND INTERVIEW(S) WITH RATSIRAKA OR A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. POST CAN IDENTIFY LIKELY CANDIDATE(S) FOR INTERVIEW AS THEY BECOME KNOWN TO US. ADVISE FEASIBILITY.

4. POST WILL PROVIDE FISCAL DATA TO COVER COSTS, IF ANY. PLEASE INFORM COSTS IN ADVANCE.

5. POST COULD GET A LOT OF MILEAGE OUT OF COVERAGE OF THIS VISIT FOR EITHER A COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM, PRESENTATION PHOTOS AND FOR OUR BULLETIN WHICH HAS A LATE DISTRIBUTION. A SHORT FILM CLIP WOULD TOP THIS IF IT WERE POSSIBLE.